

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Present

Adrian McDaniel Mike Koss Betty Gosney Jacqueline Cox Lynda Gonzalez

Council Member Absent

Eric Scott Gregory Ware

Minutes

Council Member Lynda Gonzalez said she had a minor correction to the March minutes. In the Items for upcoming meetings, she said that she also asked that Public Works come out and look at the heavy truck pot holes in Bloomington.

Council Member Adrian McDaniel motioned to approve the minutes of the March meeting with that correction noted. Council Member Mike Koss Cox seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

New Business

Rialto Commerce Center Environmental Impact Report

Ken Norton, Director of Environmental Services for Michael Brandman & Associates.

Mr. Norton wanted to make it clear that his office doesn't work for the applicant or developer. He stated that they were hired by the city to give an objective environmental report and it is the decision makers who will evaluate it. His company's role is to provide an objective analysis of the project. He provided some hard copies and some CD's to the MAC of the environmental impact report. He stated that there are some on file at the city and others at the library available to the public. He said the proposed project is to build 3.7 million square feet of warehouse space in 6 buildings. The report identifies a number of significant impacts including traffic, the air quality and health risks from the diesel truck emissions. It is scheduled to go to the planning commission on May 9th. He stated that the loss of the El Rivino Golf Course property and a few others were potential impacts identified. They also take into consideration other development projects in the area on a cumulative basis. When ever a project has significant impacts they give alternatives. The only alternative for this project is having smaller overall buildings and turning the buildings so that the trucks travel between the buildings rather than around the perimeter. Mr. Norton said if anyone would like a specific response, they must submit it in writing to the city by April 23rd. He stated that they also looked at the quality of life impacts. They look at consistency and compatibility of local land use and the noise but not analysis of an economic impact. They also considered the noise, traffic, land use, rail, and trucking, health risks. The EIR is being circulated and it will go to the County planning commission on May 9th. He reported that the Air Quality Management District has standards for diesel emissions of trucks and in this case it exceeded that threshold. Field Representative Dan Flores clarified that this project is in the City of Rialto and subject to their jurisdiction. Mr. Norton went on to say that AQMD is the agency that monitors and has the power to enforce emissions and particulates. They provide the information and the impacts related to their standards. A noise analysis can be made. The local residents can make their opinion known, but only the Rialto residents will vote. He stressed that April 23rd is the close of the review period and written comments should be submitted by then. They can be sent to the City Planner Don Montag at dmontag@cityofrialto.gov or mail them to the City of Rialto, Planning Division 150 South Palm Ave. Rialto CA 92376. Council Member Lynda Gonzalez said

that her concern is that the drainage needs to go south to avoid going into the homes. She stressed that the water drainage needs to be correct. Chair Adrian McDaniel asked Mr. Norton to send the City of Rialto a comment regarding his home. He stated that when he purchased his home, it was called County Club Estates, and if the project gets built he will no longer have the view of the Country Club. He doesn't feel that it is fair. He also feels that the residents of Bloomington always seem to get railroaded and they are tired of it. Bloomington doesn't like it. And what ever they have to do to stop it, they will do. Mr. Flores mentioned that in addition to sending written comments they can also take a position as a MAC and share it with the City of Rialto. The MAC members unanimously agreed that they would like to write a letter and send it to the City of Rialto Planning Commission. Council Member Betty Gosney made a motion and Council Member Jacqueline Cox seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Staff Reports

A. California Highway Patrol- Officer Joe Ramos

Officer Ramos reorted that they continue to work with the community in the problematic areas. They have been using the sub-station a lot more. They anticipate getting 7 or 8 new officers from the academy to give more support to the area. The traffic complaints process is still the same but there will be changes as Officer Hope Maxson will be the new Public Information Officer and he will be going back to his motorcycle patrol. She has been with them for several years and will be available to answer any questions they have. Officer Hope informed the residents of a program that is called "Start Smart" for beginning drivers. It will be at the office on Saturday morning and she brought some flyers for the residents. It is a one day class for ages between 15 to 20 and the parents. The commercial division of CHP is 909-806-2400

B. Field Representative- Dan Flores

Dan Flores stated that there are two dates that are very important. April 23, 2009 is the deadline to get comments to the City of Rialto and the Planning Commission hearing on May 9, 2009 is the date to voice your opinions to the decision makers. At the May 5th MAC meeting they will have all the information available. The County will make a comment and they have been provided information regarding the EIR and they will submit them prior to the April 23rd deadline. Announced the Bloomington Library Open House. He brought a flyer that has information on it. April 18, 2009. At the next MAC meeting they were going to have a presentation on the progress of the I-10 improvement project. Final announcement is that the Young Visionaries are providing help with getting them summer jobs. Bloomington Tourism grant applications will be open in May and applications will be available. There will be \$4,000 available. He wanted to thank Alexia for donating a television for the Senior Center.

C. Sheriff's Department- Captain Mike Mascetti

He wanted to report that the Sheriff's Department is also looking at cuts in personnel but the good news is that the Fontana station will not be reducing staff. They will be getting two additional sergeant's and two additional detective's as well as an increase in the number of deputy's he needs for the area. He will have Sergeant on shifts 24 hrs a day. They will be able to deal with the specific problems of the area. He also reported that they have posted signage for the WETIP hotline as a first step in reducing the graffiti problem. The second step is that he has submitted a proposal to the Board of Supervisors to get \$40,000 for a computer system called Graffiti Tracking. The money will enable them to get cameras installed that will work at night in an effort to catch the perpetrators in action. He also reported that they have a gang task force as well as the MET team and they have a good handle on it. Finally he wanted to speak about the problem of illegal vendors and he said they are going to research and will be asking the Board of Supervisors for assistance. He feels that it goes beyond the Sheriff's Department. He wants the different departments to be united, including Code Enforcement, the District Attorney's Office, and

the Judges. They are focusing on the problem and taking it seriously and taking positive steps to solve the problem.

D. Special Districts- Tim Millington

Mr. Millington reported the Little League had a Grand Opening and have submitted a lot of CDBG applications for Kessler Park and other areas. One if for them to re-do the parking area at the education center. They got a notice of the School that will be leaving Bloomington, the Superintendent of Schools cannot afford to keep it open anymore with their cutbacks and it does affect them on the park side because now they will have a vacant building. Another one went in for environmental documentation so what can be done is that they can turn around and get other CDBG funds to fund other projects. They also put in for an additional \$50,000 for the skate park they are currently in the process of getting the design specifications together for the skate park and they hope the bids are around the \$300,000 but are requesting an additional \$50,000 just in case. He reported that there have been a lot of break-ins 2 at Kessler Park and they are continuing to see this happen. A resident inquired about starting classes at the park. Mr. Millington stated that it is something that can be looked into. The only problem is getting manpower to oversee the program, but the hope is to eventually get a Recreational program started.

Old Business

None

Items for Upcoming Meetings

The MAC would like to have the letter to the City of Rialto regarding the new project. Invite the Chair and Vic-Chair of the Planning Commission of the City of Rialto and Mr. Montag and the Supervisor of Community Development. They can invite a City Council Member and/or the Mayor and to the planning commissioners.

Member Reports

Member Lynda Gonzalez wanted to thank everyone for coming out. She thinks that is important for the residents of Bloomington to email Mr. Montag expressing their feelings on the Rialto Commerce Center project as she plans on emailing him until she gets a reply.

Chair McDaniel thanked all Sheriff's Department for his input. He also thanked Highway Patrol for all they do. He also attended a meeting with the Economic Development Agency and they choose a consulting firm that will get the ball rolling on the Economic Development plan for Bloomington and Muscogee. He conveyed to them what the people of Bloomington want for the future of Bloomington.

Council Member Betty Gosney thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wanted to let them know that the MAC is their community voice and she thinks that they neighbors should back each other up about not getting the commerce center. She wants Rialto to know that Bloomington does have a voice.

Council Member Jacqueline Cox reported that she attended a pot-luck sponsored by the Bloomington Boosters and was reminded of the many people that do so much for the community. The Valley Riders were there, Bloomington Vicks, the Library and others were there. She said she is proud to be associated with all these dedicated leaders and hopes that they start attending all of the MAC meetings. She wanted to report that Dan's wife makes the best cookies. She feels that the graffiti abatement hotline is not working. And finally she thanked Alexia for the TV she donated to the seniors.

Public Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

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